

"FOUR YEARS MORE OF THE FULL DINNER PAIL!"

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London, May 27.—"Secretary of War William H. Taft will be the next President of the United States and the financial troubles in America will soon be over." So said J. Pierpont Morgan to the American correspondent today, and in his dual role of political and financial prophet he said it emphatically. Mr. Morgan has just arrived from Vienna after thirty years elapsing between this and his previous visit. He declared himself delighted with the Austrian capital, which, in his opinion, is the most beautiful city in the world. He is staying at the Hotel Bristol, and Vienna made such a pleasing impression on the banker that he remained there a week instead of three days, as he had originally planned.

Temporary Chairman Burrows' Speech

Chicago, Ill., June 16.—United States Senator Burrows of Michigan, upon assuming the gavel as temporary chairman of the republican national convention, said in part: Another chapter in our national

history under republican administration is soon to be concluded, and conforming to party usage long established this convention of 980 delegates and their alternates, chosen by the republican electorate from every state and territory within the confines of the republic, meets in this high council to submit the record of its achievements to the critical review of the American people and make fresh avowal of its faith in the principles and policies of the republican party.

Four years ago the republican party in national convention submitted the record of its achievements to the American people, announced its policies for the future, and, invoking continuance of public favor, placed in nomination for the office of president and vice president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt and Charles W. Fairbanks, who were elected and the platform approved by a popular vote of 7,623,485, a record unexampled in the history of political parties since the foundation of the government, receiving the endorsement of thirty-two states out of forty-five, with but thirteen in opposition.

In view of this indorsement, it became pertinent and opportune to inquire, what has the republican party done in the last four years of government control—in many respects the most remarkable and brilliant in the history of the party and the country—to forfeit public confidence or create distrust in its capacity for future administration?

Since the last national republican convention, four years ago, our population has increased from 81,500,000 to 87,500,000, while 4,000,000 of immigrants from every quarter of the globe have found welcome to our shores and protection under our flag.

Senator Burrows continued with a recital of the increase in the flocks, the increased agricultural output of the country, and a general review of what has been done in "field and forest, factory and farm, mines and mills" in the last four years. Referring to the present administration and the part it has played he said:

The nine great executive departments of the government, through which the head of the nation speaks, and acts, have advanced with steady and resolute steps within the sphere of their activities, presenting a record of achievements during the last four years of intelligent and progressive administration unexampled in the history of the government.

Touching the work of the department of commerce and labor he said:

The department of commerce and labor, organized in 1903, has been active and potential in extending our commerce and protecting our labor. It has dispatched messengers to foreign countries, particularly to South America and the orient, to learn the needs and tastes of the people with a view of increasing our trade.

Touching what he speaks of as the co-operation between congress and this department, he added:

It is within bounds to say that no previous sessions of congress have displayed a more active or intelligent interest in the needs of the wage-earners than the past three sessions, nor has there heretofore in the same length of time been as much important and progressive legislation in the interests of this class of our fellow citizens.

Following brief remarks concerning the reclamation service and the pension bureau he praised the post-office department, adding the following with respect to postal savings banks and the ship subsidy:

A measure providing for postal savings banks, recommended by the postmaster general, has secured the favorable action of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, and will undoubtedly receive the favorable action of congress at its next session. It is to be regretted that a measure to provide for the carrying of our mails to the orient and the South American countries in American ships should have failed, but its passage in the near future is confidently expected.

The management of our outlying possessions under republican administration has been attended with remarkable success. Under American occupation and control the commerce of the island of Porto Rico, which in the most prosperous day of Spanish rule aggregated but \$22,000,000, was, in 1907, \$56,000,000. The production of sugar has advanced from 109,000 tons to 204,000 tons, valued at \$15,000,000.

When we took possession of the island there was but one school building owned by the government. Now there are over eighty, built and under construction, and the number of pupils in the public schools is 70,000. Peace and order prevail throughout the island, and a representative is accorded to the United States.

In the Philippine islands the people have been given a legislative body, the full power of conducting their own municipal and provincial governments, the establishment of

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